



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 1 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 2 February 2022

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 1

From the Principal - *Te pū kāea a te Tumuaiki*

Welcome back!

It has been fabulous seeing so many of our children over the last two days. Teachers have really enjoyed meeting with parents and chatting about your children, their strengths and their next steps. I hope you have found the learning conversations useful. I am not going to send out a survey about them but if you have any feedback you'd like to share then email principal@banksave.school.nz.

Tonga Support

It is devastating to see the mayhem and destruction caused by the tidal wave to the islands of Tonga. We have many school and community members with close connections to the Islands. We acknowledge how difficult and upsetting it must be to see friends and family in distress and yet be so far away.

As a school we want to support our Tongan whanau so we will be organising a mufti day for Friday 11 February. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation on the day.

Parents on Site

At RED level **parents should not be entering the school grounds**. We expect you to pick children up and drop them off at the school gates.

The exception to this rule are parents of junior students; these children can be picked up and dropped off at the gate inside the school by room 8.

If there is a situation that requires a parent to come on site then you must:

1. Wear a mask or have your mask exemption on display.
2. Scan in on entry to our grounds.
3. Make your visit brief and to the point
4. Limit the areas you visit and walk through.

We are trying to keep our staff and students safe; one aspect of this strategy is limiting contacts while students are in our care. Thanks for working with us as we navigate our way through RED level.

Student Vaccination

I need to reiterate that we will never allow your child to be vaccinated at school, in school time, without your written permission.

I have been told by some parents that they believe sending their child to school is a form of permission. **IT IS NOT.**

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

Monday 7 - Waitangi Day
School Closed

Friday 11 February
Tongan Mufti Day
Gold coin donation

March

Monday 7 - Friday 11
Walk or Wheel to School Week

Wednesday 16
Zone Swimming Sports

Thursday 31
Canterbury Swimming Sports

April

Thursday 14
Teacher Only Day

Our Board had a long conversation about student vaccination. We have decided that **we will not be allowing** children to be vaccinated in school during school hours. Some schools may offer this service but again it would only be done with clear written consent. We will not offer this service, however we may allow our grounds or buildings to be used after school or at weekends for the purpose of vaccinations. Parents would be able to choose to bring their children (or not to bring their children) and no teachers would be present. If you still have fears about student vaccination then please come and see me.

Covid 19

A reminder; at RED level

- Parents are only allowed onsite for emergencies. The expectation is that children are picked up and dropped off at the gate. At red level we are not running a pass system like we did last year.
 - Please confirm with your child what gate they will be picked up from.
 - The only exception to this will be parents of five year olds; you may bring your child onsite and drop them off at the internal gate. A teacher will be present to hand your child over to.
 - Any parent coming onsite must scan in at the gate and they **MUST** have a mask on.
- Masks are compulsory for students and teachers in year 4 and up. Please supply your child with a named mask.
- Teachers will not be available before school or afterschool to meet with parents unless you have made an appointment. To book an appointment email the class teacher (contact details on our website).
 - All meetings must follow MOH and MOE guidelines: social distancing, masks worn by all parties, visitors scanned in.
 - If you are unable to meet any of these three criteria then we will not do an in person meeting, we will set up an online meeting.
- Keep children home if they are sick or ill

These are very challenging times for everyone. Our goal is to keep it as *business as usual* for as long as possible while we prepare and plan for what we will do once covid hits our community or our school. Student and staff safety and well being are always top priorities so we are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible. This relies heavily on us working in partnership with each other. *Together is better!*

Being Prepared

What do you do if you think you have been exposed to covid?

There are two types of 'contacts':

- Close Contacts; and
- Casual Contacts

Close Contacts: If you have been identified as a Close Contact of someone with COVID-19, you are likely to be at a higher risk of being infected and you can expect to be contacted by someone from the Ministry of Health's National Investigation and Tracing Centre or a PHU.

You are considered a Close Contact if you have:

- been close (within 1.5 metres) to a positive case of COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes **and** the Case was not wearing a mask or wasn't wearing it properly
- or**
- had direct contact with respiratory secretions or saliva from a Case (e.g.; kissing, shared a cigarette, vape or drink bottle, or if the person coughed or sneezed directly on you)
- or**
- spent time in an indoor space for more than 1 hour with a case **and** at least one of the following:
 - the Case was singing, shouting, smoking, vaping, exercising, or dancing
 - the Case was not wearing a mask or wasn't wearing it properly
 - the indoor space was poorly ventilated (i.e.; there were no windows or doors open)
 - the indoor space was smaller than 100m² (about three double garages).

All household members of a case are Close Contacts.

Any person who receives an orange Bluetooth notification via the NZ COVID Tracer app is considered a Close Contact. The notification will provide advice about what to do and it is important to follow these instructions. These people may also receive a yellow QR notification for a location of interest via the NZ COVID Tracer app.

Casual Contacts: Casual Contacts are people who have been in the same place at the same time as someone infectious with COVID-19 but may not have been near the infectious person. Casual Contacts are at lowest risk of getting sick with COVID-19.

These people may receive a yellow QR notification for a location of interest via the NZ COVID Tracer app. The notification will provide advice about what to do and a link for more information.

Actions for Contacts

The following actions now apply to all contacts regardless of whether vaccinated against COVID-19 or not.

Contact	Description	Actions for the contact
Close Contact	People who may live or work with or have been in the same place at the same time as someone infectious with COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isolate/quarantine, either at home or in a managed facility, for 10 days from last exposure.• Test immediately, and on day 5 and on day 8 after last exposure.• If COVID-19 symptoms develop, get an additional test immediately.• Guidance for Close Contacts (PDF, 95 KB)
Casual Contact	People who have been in the same place at the same time as someone infectious with COVID-19 but may not have been near the person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days.• If COVID-19 symptoms develop, get tested and stay at home until a negative test result is received.• Guidance for Casual contacts (PDF, 135 KB)

- Household members (also called secondary contacts) are advised to stay at home until the Close Contact returns a negative day 5 test result.
- If the Close Contact develops symptoms after returning a day 5 negative test result, their household member(s) are advised to stay at home again until the Close Contact returns an additional negative test result.
- If one or more household member(s) of a Close Contact develop symptoms, they should get a test, and stay at home until they receive a negative test result **and** until 24 hours after symptoms resolved

If in doubt, stay home and get a covid test!

Immunocompromised Students

Is your child immune compromised because of an existing medical condition? If they are then it is likely they will be more vulnerable when covid hits our community. We need to have a register of those students who are immune compromised so we can consider additional ways we can keep them safe and potentially alternate learning programmes we could offer.

Please email our lovely office ladies office@banksave.school.nz and state:

- Child's name - room number
- Medical condition
- At what stage would you consider NOT sending your child to school?
 - Covid in the community but not in the school
 - Covid in the school but not their class
 - Covid in their class
- Is there any additional support you would want from us besides a home learning plan?

Contact your medical professionals for further support or advice regarding your child attending school onsite during a covid outbreak.

New School

https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks_ave/



Uniform

It has been great seeing so many students coming into the office to try on the new uniform. This is advisable as some of the sizing is quite small. For details on the uniform go to our [school website](#). There is a link on the uniform page that will take you to the online shop; this is the only way you can order the uniform.

Children are allowed to wear a mixture of the old and new uniform for all of 2022. This is our transition year. Next year we are expecting all children to be in the new uniform.

Oscar

There have been a few queries from parents about what will happen to Oscar once we move sites. I am thrilled to announce that Oscar will be moving with us to the new school. They will be set up in the Gymnasium, in the Spartan Room.

They will keep their families notified about these changes. I am thrilled we are still going to be able to provide a before and after school child care facility on our site.

New Staff

We welcome:

Jenny Macdonald in the front office. Jenny has replaced Colleen Lucas for Term 1. In a few weeks we will advertise for a permanent Office Administrator. Thanks Jen for helping us out - again!

Cath King in senior school. Cath is working in Dudley this year. She has a wealth of experience so we are lucky to have her on board.

Muriel Haines is working in year two and three. She is also a very experienced teacher and brings a lot of passion with her. We are thrilled to welcome Muriel to our team.

Acting DP: Jan Thompson is going to be our Senior Deputy Principal for 2022. The permanent DP position will be advertised later in the year and will take effect in 2023.

Acting Team Leaders

With Jan stepping up into a new role for 2022 we have the opportunity to grow leadership. We have three staff who will share the Leader of Learning and the *Leader of Management* roles in the Senior School.

Term One - Jen Bourne

Term Two - Scott Bradley

Term 3 and 4 - Belinda Walsh.

Modules

With the move to the new school we have reconfigured our school and moved from three teams to two teams.

Banks Avenue School			
Pāhake to mature and grow up		Muringa youngest or junior	
Senior Team Year 4-6		Junior Team Year 0-3	
Once we move onto the new site these teams will be split into four pods.			
Manakura	Kōtukutuku	Kiwakiwa	Pootaniwha
Tahi Rua	Tahi Rua	Tahi Rua	Tahi Rua

School Policies

All policies can be accessed on our school website [OurTeam/BOT/Policies](#)

Our Username is: **banksave** and Password is: **banks**.



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- support.mykindo.co.nz

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- ✓ Instant school messages
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- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips

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Get it on Google play

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Term 1 HEART Value Focus Excellence



Hauora Excellence Aroha Respect Togetherness

HEART Values

Ko te piko o te māhuri, tērā te tupu o te rākau.

The way the sapling is shaped determines how the tree grows
Embedded in the whakataukī are notions of nurture, support, teaching and learning, and guidance.

At Banks Avenue School we show H.E.A.R.T. by being a caring, learning community where positive behaviours and respectful relationships are valued. We nurture lifelong learning in order for all of us to thrive.

Hauora - be well to do well:

In our school we will strive to be emotionally, socially and physically healthy – this is valuing hauora.

Excellence - better than before:

In our school students will always strive to do their best- this is showing excellence.

Aroha - kind thoughts, words and actions:

In our school students will use kind words and kind actions – this is showing Aroha.

Respect - give respect to get respect:

In our school students will treat other children, the environment and property in a thoughtful manner – this is showing respect.

Togetherness - together is better:

In our school, students will fully participate in activities, acting and being collaborative within a group, team and class tasks – this is showing togetherness.

Celebrating HEART Successes

All children will be able to earn HEART tokens. These will be given out, by the class teacher, for explicitly showing expected behaviours. They will also be given out in the playground by duty teachers. Teachers will identify to the child why they have earned the token e.g.; *Milly this token is for aroha - you were very kind asking Moana to join in with your group.*



Once a child has received a HEART token they hand it into a collection box in their classroom. Teachers tally and record how many tokens each child earns under each of our values.

- 25 HEART tokens (same value) - name in newsletter.
- 50 HEART tokens (same value) - a wristband.
- Two or more wristbands the same - lunch with the principal.

Children continue to collect tokens as they move through the school. Once they have a full set of wristbands and their black band they begin to work toward their HEART badges; bronze, silver and gold.

Each team will also have HEART celebrations each term. These celebrations are to reward those children who consistently show our school values.

Tokens that children collect also count towards house points. Each term there is a small award for the house which has collected the most HEART tokens for the term.

In each assembly teachers award HEART certificates. These are given to children consistently displaying a HEART value in class. If a child receives a HEART certificate in assembly they get to choose a Duffy book.

Other notices

Postponements and events

Banks Avenue School trip or event postponements and or cancellations will only be advised via Skool Loop, Facebook and as viewed on our website: www.banksave.school.nz

Absences

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please let our school office know using one of the following options:

Phone: 385 4163 / option 3: Text: 027 422 8032, Skool Loop app or email: absences@banksave.school.nz

Or notify us via our website: www.banksave.school.nz/absences.

If your child arrives at school after 9:00am, they must check in at the office. This saves a lot of phone calls for unexplained absences in order to ensure the safety of all our children.

HEARTBEAT Media 106.7FM

Listen to our students master broadcasting radio. If you live close to the school (within 6kms) you can tune into 106.7FM on your radio, to listen. Programmes are broadcasted every day before school from 8:30am-9:00am and at lunchtimes from 12:50pm- 1:20pm.

If you live further away, you can access HEARTbeat 106.7FM online, from our school website or from the link on the right.



<http://www.banksave.school.nz/heartbeat-1067fm.html>

PTA

PTA Meeting

The PTA is a small group of parents that works to fundraise for the kids throughout the year. We are always welcoming new members and the workload is set by you. We aim to be inclusive and open-minded so bring your ideas along on Monday 14 February at 7:00 pm. Meet at 5 Pagoda Street. NOT AT SCHOOL!

Please note any helpers, volunteers and PTA members need to be vaccinated.

Look forward to meeting you

Lunch Online

As part of the restrictions in red light **we are unable** to provide you with the option of lunch online. We will be back as soon as we can

The poster is for a 'Fairy Door Upcycle Workshop' organized by Christchurch Envirokids. It features a green background with a light blue border. At the top left is the Christchurch Envirokids logo, which includes a stylized green tree and the text 'Christchurch Envirokids'. The main title 'FAIRY DOOR UPCYCLE WORKSHOP' is written in large, colorful, hand-drawn letters. To the left of the title are two brown mushrooms, and to the right is a white fairy silhouette. Below the title is a list of activities: 'Paint a fairy door for the garden', 'Create a mushroom to decorate', and 'Scavenger Hunt'. The date and time are listed as 'WHEN? February 5, 2022 10am - 3pm'. The location is 'WHERE? Fungi Garden at Richmond Community Garden'. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'Richmond Community Garden' featuring a basket of fruit, and a decorative illustration of a garden scene with a fairy door and a book.